

**REMARKS**

Applicant hereby requests further consideration of the application in view of the amendments above and the comments that follow.

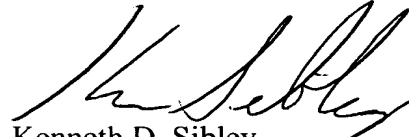
**Status of the Claims**

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I for substantive examination. The non-elected claims are cancelled herein, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application thereon.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for examination and allowance and the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any matters outstanding of resolution, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for expeditious handling.

Respectfully submitted,



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